

## FOOD STAMP PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2007

By law, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) adjusts the income eligibility limits and food stamp benefits annually on October 1. Maximum gross and net monthly income of households of various sizes are as follows:

Household size	Gross monthly income	Net monthly income
1	\$1107	\$851
2	\$1484	\$1141
3	\$1861	\$1431
4	\$2238	\$1721
5	\$2615	\$2011
6	\$2992	\$2301
7	\$3369	\$2591
8	\$3746	\$2881
Each additional member	+ \$377	+ \$290

The **maximum** amounts of food stamp benefits are listed below. The actual amount of food stamps for which a household is eligible depends on the household net income after allowable deductions.

Household size	Maximum monthly benefit
1	\$162
2	\$298
3	\$426
4	\$542
5	\$643
6	\$772
7	\$853
8	\$975
Each additional member	\$122

### DEDUCTIONS

- The standard deduction, which is deducted from all households' income, is:
  - \$134 with 1-3 household members
  - \$143 with 4 household members
  - \$167 with 5 household members
  - \$191 with 6 or more household members
- The maximum deduction for dependent care is \$200 for any child under age 2 and \$175 for any child age 2 or older.
- The maximum deduction for high housing and utility expense is \$431.
- Households with elderly or disabled members may be eligible for additional deductions.
- Households who pay court ordered child support are also eligible for an additional deduction.

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